**Jesus Calms the Storm**

**A Bible Story From**

**Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:23-25**

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**Bible Story**

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**Background**

The events in this Bible story took place immediately after Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven. He was already in the boat where he had been teaching.

The Sea of Galilee is an important landmark in this event. It is a large lake—about thirteen miles long and about eight miles wide.

**Story from the Bible**

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This is what the Bible says.

Jesus was teaching from a boat while the crowd listened from the shore. At the end of the day, Jesus asked his disciples to take the boats across the lake (the Sea of Galilee). They did as Jesus asked and began the trip across the lake.

Suddenly, a strong storm formed. The waves began to come over the edge of the boat, and the boat began to take on water. It was in danger of being swamped by the waves. Even the experienced fishermen were afraid.

Jesus was with them in the back of the boat, but he was sleeping. His disciples woke him up. They asked him if he didn’t care that they were about to die. They asked Jesus to save them.

Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and told the sea to “Be still!” The wind stopped and the sea became calm. Then Jesus looked at them and asked, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?”

The disciples were all terrified. They asked one another, “Who is this man? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

That concludes this story from the Bible.

**Retelling the Story**

Let’s review this story by retelling it as a group. We want to retell it as faithfully as we can to the story from the Bible. We do not want to add to it or leave out anything important. Who will get us started?

**Questions**

* What had Jesus been doing before they began to travel across the lake?
* Although the Bible does not tell us why Jesus asked the disciples to take him by boat to the other side of the lake, what do you think might have been his reason(s)?
* How did the disciples respond to the storm?
* What was Jesus doing during the storm?
* What did Jesus do to stop the storm?
* What did Jesus say to the disciples after the storm?
* What should we learn from this miracle?
* What does this teach us about God?
* What should we do in response to this teaching?

**Prayer**

Prayer is more than a way to end the session. It is time to talk to God. Public prayer is a model for others. Boldly ask God to guide participants to use the Bible story with others. Ask God to give you and the participant’s insight and understanding as you think about this biblical event.